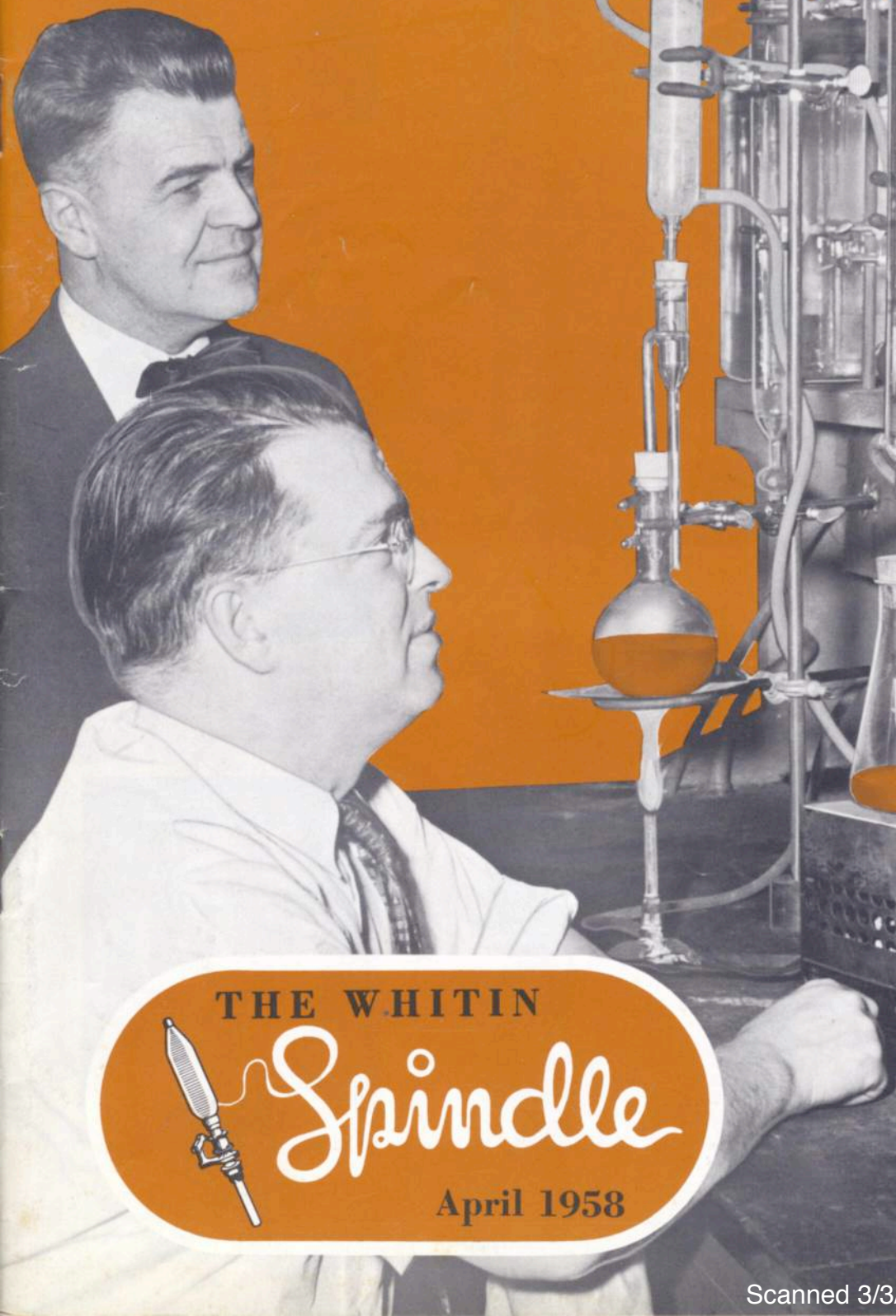


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# Familiar Faces

## Around the Plant



William A. Such lives in Northbridge and has worked for the Whitin Machine Works since 1935. A bachelor, he enjoys spending the summer with friends at Falmouth, Cape Cod



Harry Ludvigson, Milling Job reporter, lives in East Douglas and is a rabid Red Sox fan. He has been with Whitin 25 years. He has 6 children and 5 grandchildren



Making her home at 152 North Main Street, Whitinsville, Carolyn Ebbeling enjoys sewing and sports. A typist in the Freight Office, she has been at Whitin since 1956



Miss Frances Healey, Clerk in Engineering, lists swimming and dancing as her hobbies. She has been at Whitin 18 months and lives on North Main Street, Whitinsville



Haig Karagosian, a molder in the Foundry, has worked here since 1933. He lives on Border Street, Whitinsville, and has 2 sons. His hobbies are gardening and fishing



Wilfred Bilodeau, Department 414, is a former lumberjack who was born in Canada. He has been a Whitin employee since 1939 and he lives in the town of Wilkinsonville



Stanley Frodyma, Storesroom 15, is a SPINDLE reporter. A bachelor, and a Whitin employee since 1950, he lives in Woonsocket. His hobbies are in music and sports

Scientific instruments make it possible to unveil the innermost secrets of metals. Harold Mattioli makes a metallographic examination of a cross section of a spinning ring. The device may also be used to make a photographic record of what the operator sees



*Men,*

# *Science and Metals*

In addition to the physical structure of the metal, its properties are affected by the chemical content. Here Guy Akers burns in an electronic furnace a sample of iron poured in the Foundry, determining in this way the percentage of carbon present



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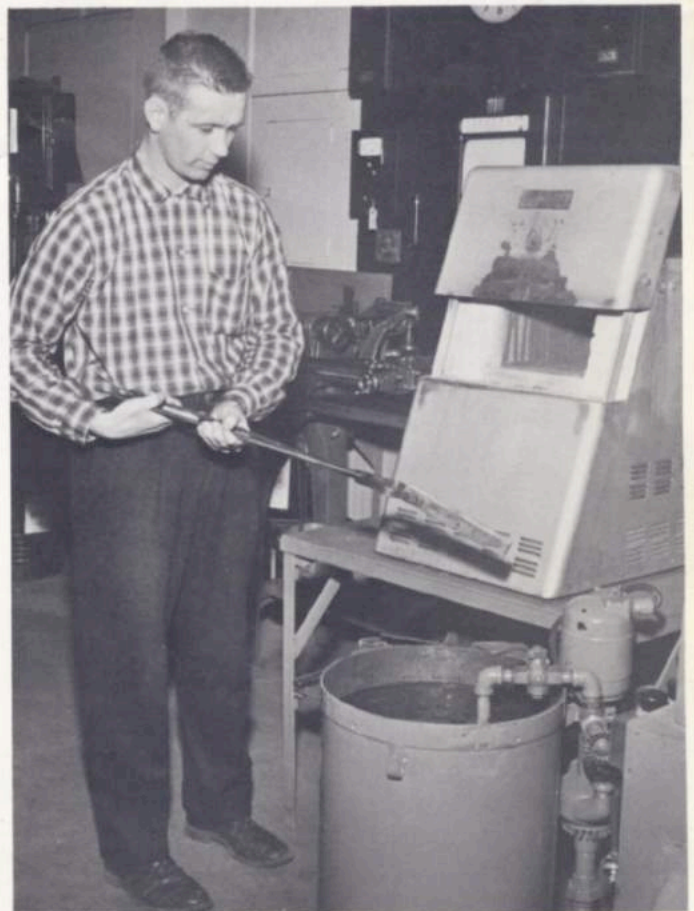
As part of a chemical analysis Donald Corkum filters a solution in a test of cast iron. When he has finished he will have determined the per cent of silicon present in our iron

## MEN, SCIENCE AND METALS (continued)

SCIENCE AND AMERICAN INDUSTRY work hand-in-glove, a partnership which long has been mutually beneficial. At Whitin this is also true, for time and money spent on new designs and careful workmanship might be wasted if the materials used in the building of Whitin's machines were not up to exacting specifications. Among Whitin's scientific laboratories are the Metallurgical Laboratory and the Sand Laboratory which are the responsibility of Harold Mattioli, Plant Metallurgist, assisted by Guy L. Akers, Assistant Plant Metallurgist, and Gerald Markhard, Assistant Metallurgist.

### Metallurgical Laboratory

In normal times, Whitin pours 100 tons of cast iron weekly from each of its three Foundry cupolas. Taking samples of the iron being poured and testing them five times every day is one of the main functions of the laboratory. The depth of chill is found; the hardness tested; the strength measured; the machinability determined; and the chemical content analysed, yielding the percentages of carbon, silicon, manganese, sulphur,



Sometimes Whitin must know what will happen to a particular metal under a given treatment. James Davidson III experimentally heat treats a steel sample

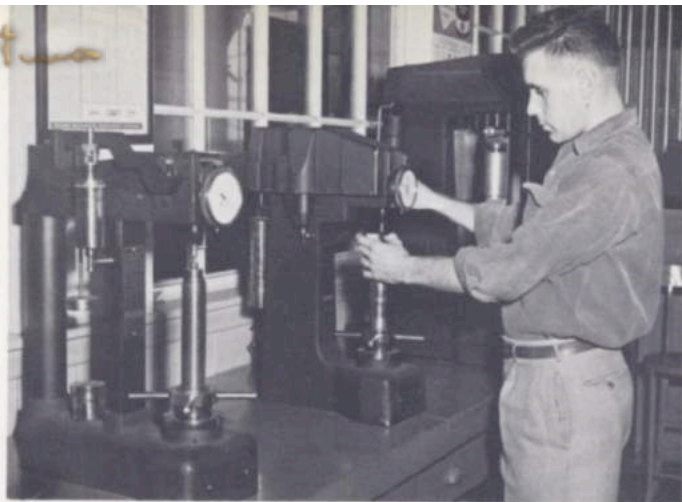
and phosphorous. Small changes in the quantities of these elements may make a great change in the character of the iron.

Similarly, in the melting of aluminum and bronze, although Whitin does no alloying, a check is made on the analysis of the ingots which are purchased. Also controlled is the making of solder. Checks are made on other metals such as bronze, brass and aluminum used in the plant.

Steels which look alike also may have widely different characteristics. The lab checks all shipments of steel to make sure they are up to specifications. The same techniques are of service in classifying scrap steels. Some scrap steels may be used in our cupola charges; others, because of the alloys they carry, must be sold as scrap.

The properties of steel and iron are affected not only by their chemical content but also by their microstructure. It is possible to control this microstructure by annealing, stress, relieving, and hardening. Another task of the laboratory is to establish methods and procedures in the heat treating rooms of Departments 408 and 437.

As oils are used or reused in the plant—lubricating, cutting, soluble oils and greases—the lab may be called on to test for flash points, fire points, viscosities, acidity and contamination. In addition the laboratory acts as a trouble shooter on problems relating to plating, machining, and parkerizing, and acts also as a general clearinghouse on metallurgical information.



The Metallurgical Laboratory is called on to answer a wide variety of questions. Robert Rutana makes a Rockwell hardness test on a cutting tool

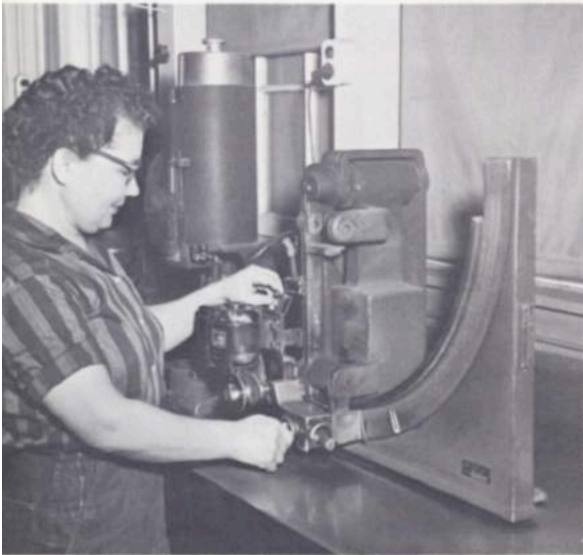


Scientific controls require exact measurements. Beginning a test, Donald Corkum weighs a sample on an analytical balance

Below: Much of the work of the Laboratory is in the preparation of specimens for examination. In a bakelite holder Charles Grenier polishes a sample of steel for metallographic examination



## MEN, SCIENCE AND METALS (continued)



Above: Frequent tests are a matter of routine to the Sand Laboratory. Viola Sweeney makes a compression test of green sand. Strength is an important characteristic of sand that has to withstand the great heat of molten iron

Below: Even the percentage of sand grains of a given size is important. Ida Flinton makes a sieve analysis of grain distribution of a molding sand



To our Foundry, the properties of sands and clays are of great importance. Assistant Metallurgist Gerald Markhard checks a clay sample being treated in an electric drying oven

In addition to the metallurgist and his assistant, the laboratory requires the services of a chemist and assistant, a heat treating technician, two lab technicians, and a stenographer.

### Sand Laboratory

In a laboratory above the Foundry, a group of three persons keeps a close watch on the properties of the sands which are used in the making of molds and cores. Not all sands possess the same properties. Different classes of castings require different sands. Each type of sand must meet certain standards. Over fifteen times a day a check is made to see that a trend away from these standards does not become established.

For both synthetic and natural sands a check is made on the permeability of the sand to gases, the temper or moisture content of the sand, and the wet and dry strength of the sand in pounds per square inch.

These characteristics are determined at room temperature by using standard samples which are rammed, subjected to air pressure, broken, weighed, dried, and reweighed. Also measured are the amount of combustible material in the sand, the percentage of clay, and the grain size distribution.

With the development of shell molding, the lab has had to become versed in a knowledge of the properties of resins, waxes, and chemical compounds used in this process.

The work in the Sand Laboratory is done by Assistant Metallurgist Gerald B. Markhard and lab technicians Ida Flinton and Viola Sweeney.

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## Whitin Personality

Half a dozen times a year some man or woman approaches John R. Sanderson, *Review* editor, with the query, "Remember me?" The odds are that Sandy does, and that the speaker is one of the more than five thousand pupils that, as teacher and principal, he came in contact with in five Massachusetts communities. As the years pass, he continues an interest in their problems and progress.

Sandy, who formerly headed the English Department of Northbridge High School, has been a Whitin employee since 1942. His duties as Assistant Advertising Manager require him to travel, to visit mills, to write and edit the *Review*, and to prepare descriptive, technical, and parts catalogs. He also assists the Advertising Manager in securing publicity, preparing advertisements, and arranging trade shows.

He was born on August 7, 1912, in Avon, Massachusetts, about sixteen miles south of Boston. He attended Brockton High, graduated from Harvard in 1934, and received his master's degree from State Teachers College, Bridgewater, in 1940. Until 1951 he taught and was a principal in elementary and secondary schools. For nine years he worked in our Advertising Department on a part-time basis.

Chief of his many interests is his family. On June 13, 1936, John was married to Helen Saunders in Boston. They and their daughters, 20-year old Marcia and 10-year old Linda moved on December 21, 1956, into a new Cape Cod-style house at 5 Sunset Drive, Northbridge. Marcia recently married John W. Hanson, son of A. R. Hanson, Assistant Superintendent, Department 404.

Although he at times has been known to play the piano and clarinet, his chief recreations are chess, trout fishing, operating amateur radio station KN1DNC, and smoking a pipe. A former member of a college swimming team, he enjoys the water in season.

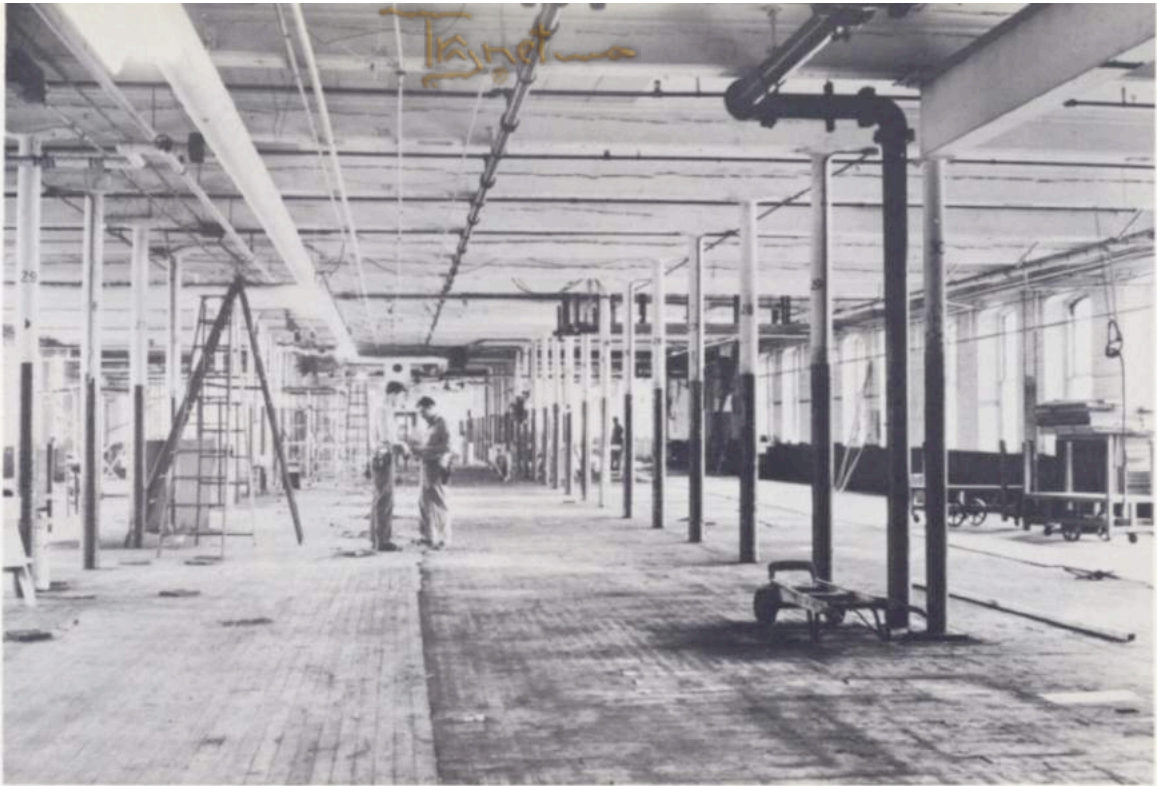
Sandy is a member of the Harvard Club of Worcester, of the Massachusetts Industrial Editors Association, of the Worcester Editors council, and publicity director of the Northbridge Agencies and of the Whitinsville Track and Field Association.

## THE PRICE OF SECURITY IS ALWAYS RISK

Security seems today to be the thing which people want most. It is natural to want to be comfortable and safe from the hazards of life. However, it's a little like wishing for the moon to expect complete security. Like anything else, though, security to any degree has its price—which must be paid by somebody.

Risk in some form, is the price of security. Police and firemen take risks for our personal community security. Our armed forces take risks for our national security. And when it comes to job and income security, business enterprisers must put everything they have on the line—ideas, energy, capital. Every business is born of risk, and it is that risk-taking which creates economic growth and our most reliable source of job security.

FRONT COVER: Whitin is concerned at all times with the quality of the materials used throughout the Plant. In the Metallurgical Laboratory, Metallurgist Harold Mattioli, left, watches as his assistant Guy Akers runs a scientific analysis of an oil.



Formerly the site of the Roll Job, this space is being converted to office use. This is a major rebuilding job which requires resurfacing the floors, replacing wiring, and relocating water, soil, and steam pipes

## *Keeping Pace with Progress*



The old flooring, worn by years of industrial use, has been replaced by gleaming new maple. Henry Lavine, left, and Charles Bouvier, right, two carpenters from Department 670, make sure that the new floorboards fit tightly

The project now underway in the area formerly occupied by the Roll Job, Department 436, is attracting a good deal of attention and arousing some curiosity.

The basic plan behind this project is to provide more adequate and efficient working space for certain congested areas which now exist in the Main Office, in the Sales Department, in the Engineering and Outside Contracting Department, and in the Works Accounting Department.

As the project unfolds, there will also be involved other far-reaching physical changes for the general benefit of the plant itself. A new and improved entrance will be constructed in the Bell Tower or Belfry. A new bridge is being constructed to provide a direct connection between the Card Erecting Floor and the Shipping Department. This will afford very definite benefits in the area of internal transportation. Departments which will be directly affected by the changes on the main floor of the building are Whitin Business Equipment Corporation, the Repair Sales Department, the Foreign Sales Department, the Works Accounting Department and the Advertising Department with its Catalog Room.



The changes in the area were contemplated a year or two ago as part of the general plan which included the construction and equipping of the new Arcade Division addition, as well as the modernization and relocation of such key departments as the Automatic Screw Machine Department, the Punch Press Department and the two Planer Departments.

Just as new and up-to-date plants require new, larger and heavier machine tools and equipment, so too have the requirements of up-to-date offices changed in the past few years. Modern office practice goes hand in hand with modern plant practice and must keep pace. More and more complex mechanical and electronic equipment is being used in offices to keep abreast of modern accounting procedures. IBM equipment and other types of similar equipment are urgently required to efficiently process paper-work requirements. These machines necessarily have to be laid out in proper sequence and provided with adequate operating space. Presently our Cost Department and various accounting procedure offices are split up into smaller spaces and in some cases widely separated. Consolidation into larger unified areas will provide greater machine efficiency, improve supervision and provide better working conditions.

Certain other alterations have been contemplated and should conditions prove favorable, they will probably be incorporated into the overall plan. These would have a direct bearing on providing more suitable facilities for the Shop Hospital, Credit Union and the Personnel Department offices.



The new heating pipes being installed by John Farrar, left, and Joseph A. LeFrancis, right, will be concealed by a modern ceiling. Note that the under surface of the floor above has been sheathed with fireproof board. These men are from Department 668

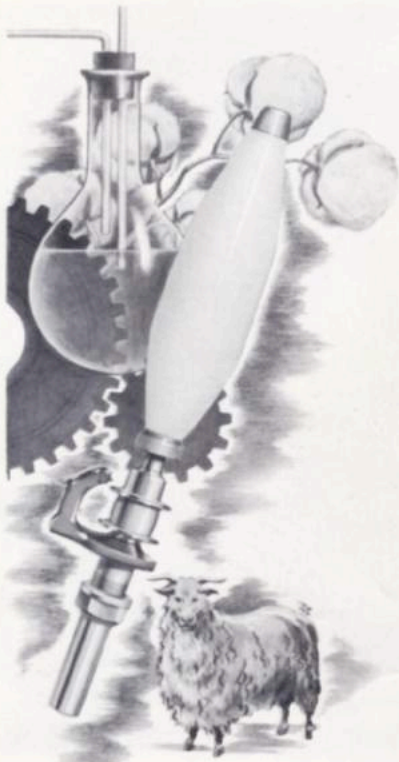
The decision to proceed with the construction work at this time was influenced by several factors. The work is providing employment for many skilled Whittin workmen at a time when the demands for their services are somewhat reduced. No reliable source has anticipated any possible reduction in the near future in the cost of building materials or equipment. Thus it is important at this time to secure, for somewhat less than a quarter of a million dollars, office space which would cost much more if the Company waited until business picked up.

The building itself which houses Department 436 is nearly one hundred years old. Structurally, it no longer lends itself to the installation of heavy machine tool equipment, particularly on the upper floors. With the renovations now being carried on, it will however, provide ideal office facilities at a much lower cost than new office areas could be built.

New flooring, new windowed partitions, acoustical ceilings with recessed lighting to 80 foot candles are some of the features being incorporated. The lighting itself will be similar to that currently in use in the Engineering and Research Divisions. Adequate air-conditioning facilities are also being provided for summer use. All of these features will contribute toward providing a better and more pleasant place in which to work, and at the same time will provide for Management the assurance of having up-to-date facilities for the efficient processing of very necessary financial records and data.



While the work is in progress, a number of temporary installations have to be made. On the right George Rae, a supervisor in Department 470, watches as electricians Joseph Stefans, left, and Robert Blackburn, center, wire a temporary lighting cabinet



# Whenever Man Turns Fibers into Yarn

*a wide variety of highly specialized machinery is required to accomplish this complicated process. For generations, Whitin has been engaged in supplying these machines to textile mills in all parts of the world. The position of leadership in this field that Whitin reached over a century ago and maintains today is based on its policy of "Progress Through Research." Today, Whitin manufactures a complete line of preparatory machinery for processing practically all fibers, both natural and synthetic.*

## CHAPTER IV.....

### FROM SLIVER TO DRAWN SLIVER

Sliver reaches the Drawing Frame either directly from the Card or, in the case of certain higher grade fibers, by way of the Comber. The latest model Whitin Even-Draft Drawing Frame is yet another machine in which the Whitin name is the symbol of the best available to the textile industry. The full scope of this machine's capabilities is best understood if we start our discussion with carded sliver.

Even after carding, the individual fibers are yet not straight or parallel but are, to some extent, still tangled. The next step in their processing is to straighten the fibers so that they lie parallel with the adjoining fibers in the sliver. This is one of the prime functions of the Drawing Frame. This straightening or parallelizing is accomplished through a process known as drafting.

While some drafting takes place on previous machines, as for example the Comber, and still more drafting will be done in the Roving Frame and the Spinning Frame, the process is most easily understood as it is done by the Drawing Frame. Imagine that you hold in your hand a piece of cotton sliver, and that with your other hand you pull gently on the fibers

exposed at the end. You will find that, instead of separating completely, the fibers slip against each other and the sliver is attenuated (made smaller and thinner) as the fibers are drawn out. While a hook may remain in the fiber ends being pulled, the ends emerging from the sliver have been largely straightened by the tension. Now if we reverse the process and pull from the other end, we find that the bulk of the fibers are completely straightened.

The same operation is performed on the Drawing Frame by pulling the carded sliver between several lines of parallel rolls in which succeeding rolls operate at faster speeds. The second straightening effect is achieved by drawing the same sliver again, but starting at the other end of the sliver. These two operations are known as breaker and finisher drawing.

The second major purpose of the Drawing Frame is to produce a sliver that is as even as possible, a purpose that applies to both carded and combed slivers. While on combed sliver there is little straightening of fibers to be done after the fibers have passed through the draw box of the Comber, the uniformity can be

improved. Uniform sliver is essential in the production of high-quality yarn. This uniformity is achieved by a process known as doubling, which in effect is the grouping together of a number of slivers to get a better "average" of uniformity.

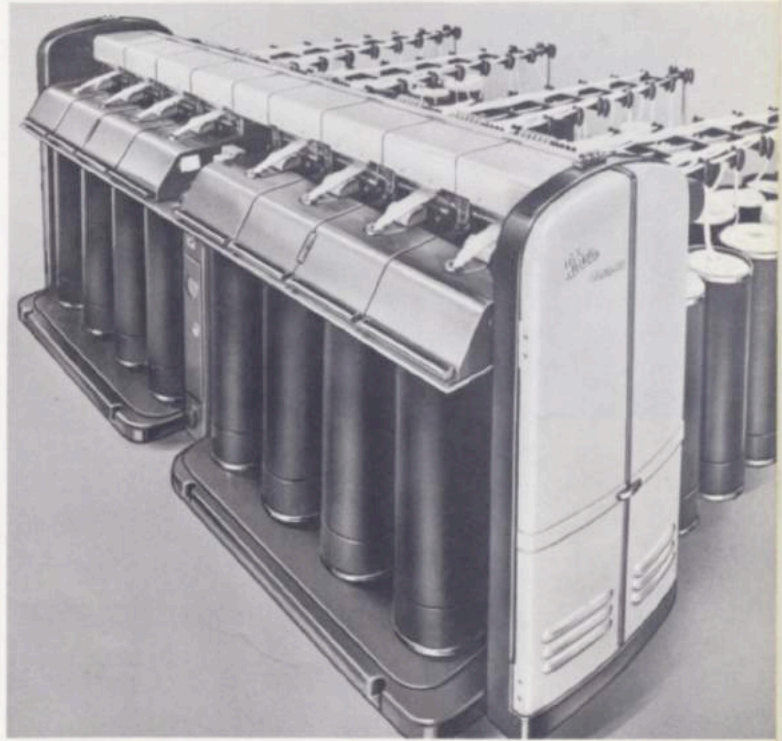
On the Whitin Drawing Frame from six to ten slivers at each head are drawn and combined into one sliver. Thus, at the same time the fibers are being straightened, a sliver-blending process is taking place which tends to cancel out variations in weight to yield a more uniform sliver.

A historian would point out that this process is not a recent discovery but can be traced from the basic patent granted Louis Paul of Birmingham in 1738, particularly as refined by the patents granted Richard Arkwright in 1769 and 1775. However, we hope these same historians will not overlook the more recent developments. Whitin designers in the Research Division have made such advances in the design of the basic Drawing Frame that the machine's production is actually tripled. Their advances might well rank in significance with those of Arkwright.

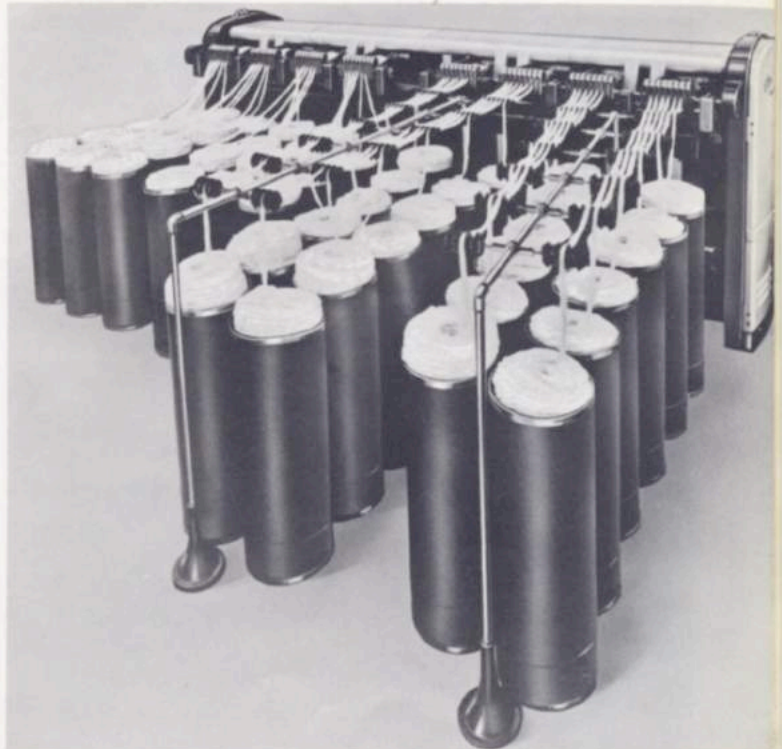
In designing the Model M Even-Draft Drawing Frame, Whitin designers felt that it was not enough to merely "redesign" a conventional frame. They designed a completely new machine. Superior evenness of sliver was achieved by the use of a unique four-over-five arrangement of top and bottom rolls which gives more control over the fibers during the drafting process. High speed production was made possible by more rugged parts, increased roll weighting, larger diameter rolls, and through the use of ball bearings. Dust, lint and fly normally present in such high speed operation are removed by the unique "PneumaClear" vacuum cleaning system worked out with the Pneumafil Corporation.

The result is a versatile machine with tremendous advantages to offer the industry. Using about the same power as conventional frames, the Even-Draft, available as either four or eight head machines, produces up to three times as much as previous conventional models. Handling fibers with lengths from  $\frac{7}{8}$ " to 3", it produces an average of forty pounds of sliver per hour per delivery! This means that mills can reduce their number of Drawing Frames by sixty per cent, their operators on drawing by fifty per cent, their floor space requirements for drawing by fifty per cent, and still have a drawn sliver equal or superior to that which they had formerly.

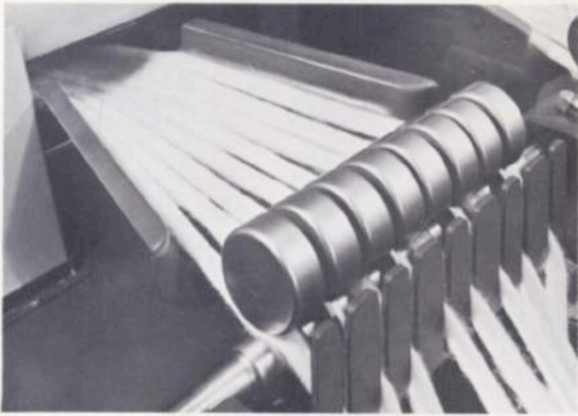
This is a machine for the mill of the future, available



The Whitin Model M Even-Draft Drawing Frame is used for the purpose of producing an even sliver without twist and with parallel fibers. The Whitin Drawing Frame leads the entire field in terms of quality, production, and ease of maintenance. At each of the eight deliveries shown at the front, an average of forty pounds of sliver per hour is produced



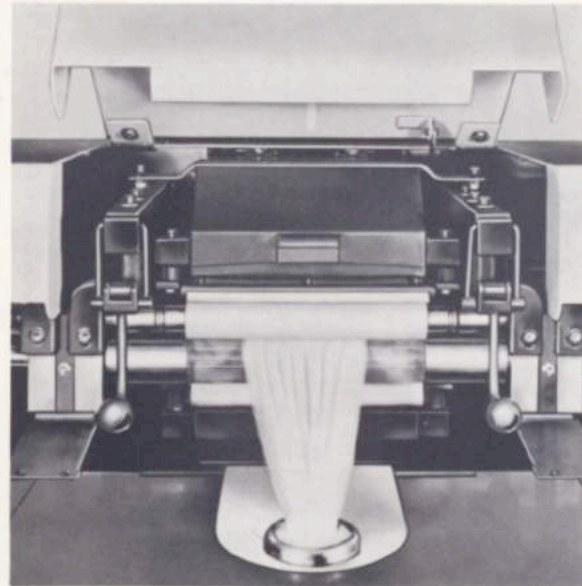
At the rear of the Model M Drawing Frame cans of sliver from the Card or Comber are arranged with six to ten slivers fed under the lifting rolls. This rear view of a Drawing Frame shows clearly how the sliver is lifted straight from the cans onto the creel and then into the machine. The creel prevents tangling, stretching, or dragging of stock. The Whitin Even-Draft is a flexible machine which handles fibers in lengths varying from  $\frac{7}{8}$ " to 3"



This photograph which pictures eight slivers entering the Model M shows the lifting rolls and the sliver pan which provides full support of the slivers. The lifting rolls trigger an electric stop motion, instantly detecting any sliver runout or break

**FROM SLIVER TO DRAWN SLIVER (continued)**

today. More than twenty-five hundred deliveries of Model M Drawing are already at work in the industry. Simple to operate, and easy to maintain, the Model M is proving to mill after mill that an investment in Whittin machinery is an investment in progress.

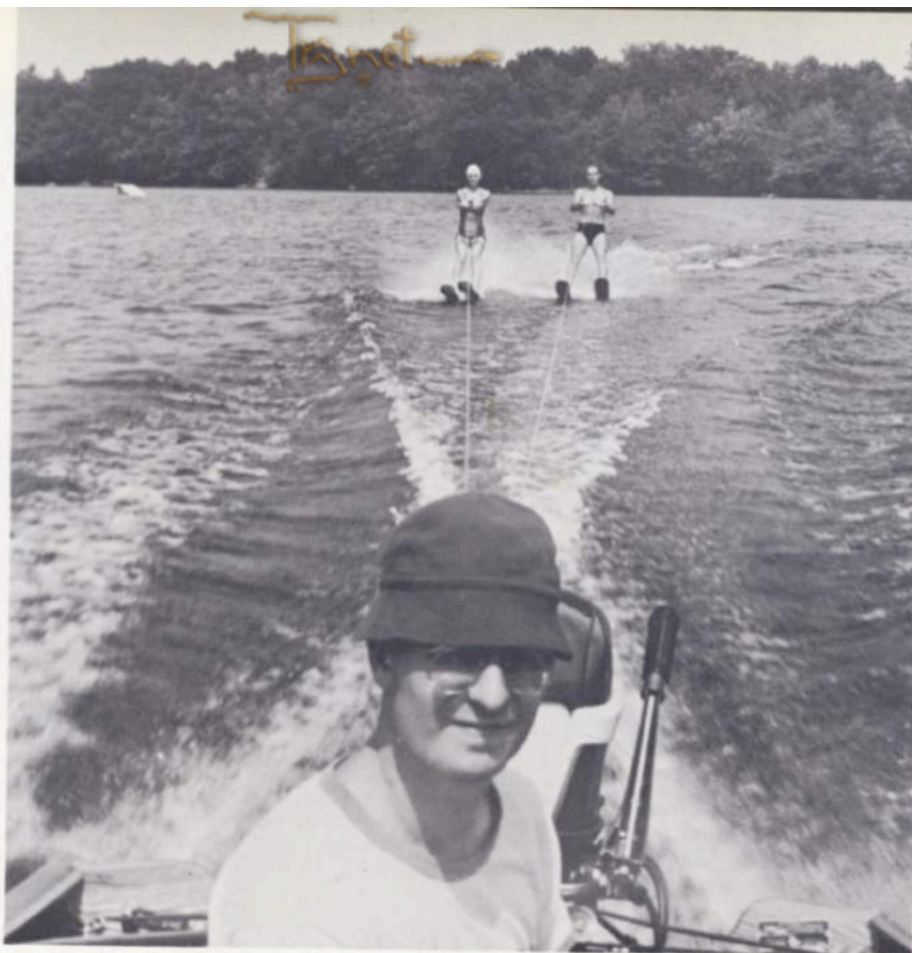


After passing through a unique four-over-five roll arrangement, the slivers pass through a trumpet which unites them into a single untwisted strand. A coiler gear lays the drawn sliver without twist in a moving can



This is an installation of Whittin Even-Draft Drawing Frames at Henderson Cotton Mills, Henderson, North Carolina. A number of slivers from the cans at the left enter the machine to be drawn and combined into a single sliver at each delivery. The resulting uniform sliver is coiled in the cans shown at the right. Thomas Boroday, a serviceman, checks the operation of the machines

Members of the Whitinsville Water Ski Club do most of their skiing on the Meadow Pond. Pictured in the foreground is William Baird who usually operates the boat for the skiers



## Hobby ————— Water Skiing

Water skiing, the popular sport which sends men and women dashing across the water in the wake of a fast motor boat, is now available to all in the area towns. The Whitinsville Water Ski Club, organized three years ago as a private group while a nucleus of skiers was trained, now has opened its membership to persons eighteen years of age or older. The requirements are that the person be in good health and be able to swim.

Until recently, water skiing as a popular group sport was almost unknown in this area. The fourteen members of the present group not only had to learn to ski but had to make their own equipment. By so doing they were able to lower costs. The club now has five double skis, a slalom ski, two aquaplanes, two disks, and six tow ropes. During the past winter the members constructed a faster, stronger boat, the *Miss Crackerbox*. Powered by a 165-horsepower inboard engine, this

fifteen-foot fore-and-aft decked craft is designed to pull skiers and may reach speeds nearing fifty miles an hour.

In addition to skiing at Meadow Pond in the latter part of the afternoons and on week ends, the group attends water skiing demonstrations and holds picnics. Members of the club are enthusiastic about water skiing and stress that they operate only under approved conditions. Beginners are instructed in skiing by the more advanced members. Only a qualified operator is permitted to handle the boat, and he must have a strong swimmer in the boat with him. Safety jackets are available for skiers who desire them.

Persons desiring further information concerning the nominal initiation fees and dues are invited to inquire of any officer of the club. The officers are President Oscar Asadoorian, Vice-President Joe Faris, Treasurer Carol Simonian, and Secretary Carol Corron.



# KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

## TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

by Marcel Turgeon

Chester A. Farrar, who was born July 12, 1914, in Fitchburg, is our personality this month. Orphaned after beginning school there, he and his sister Ruth went to live with Father Albert Breault, their uncle, in Springfield. Chester moved to Linwood in 1927; matriculated at Assumption College, Quebec, Canada, in 1929; graduated in 1938. He has worked in several departments since joining Whitin in 1941. Chester, Mrs. Farrar, and their son Daniel live on Linwood Street. Chet has always been interested in both sports and dramatics. A member of the old Linwood Indians, he now is president of the Little League farm system. He is secretary and treasurer of the K. of C. bowling league which he organized in 1954. A member of the K. of C. Council No. 1562 in Uxbridge, he is a member of the senior choir and has directed several plays for the Good Shepherd Parish.

A surprise birthday party was given to Lorraine Dufault by her friends. Games were played and she received many appropriate gifts. . . . Congratulations to Harold E. Libby upon receiving his 15-year pin. . . . It is nice to see Ralph Ward back to work after a siege in City Hospital. . . . A group from the office motored to Boston to attend the Metropolitan Opera Company's presentation of *Faust*. . . . Signs of spring around us: the crocus were

in bloom in Mrs. Burnham Cook's yard on March 12. Already the boys are talking baseball and wondering who is going to win the pennant this year. . . . Congratulations to Roland Dunn upon winning the election as an assessor for the town of Millbury for the seventh time. . . . Those who saw the minstrel show sponsored by the Whitinsville Women's Club saw what good actors we have in the department in the persons of Harold Baszner and Claire Hyland. . . . Happy anniversaries to Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Sheehan, Mr. and Mrs. Thurston K. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Departie, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Malo, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Thayer, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Farrar, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ward, and Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Turgeon.

## COMBER JOB

by Terry Merolli

We wish Ken Hudson a speedy recovery. At present he is in Memorial Hospital. We hope to see him back at work soon. . . . Hector Chase is still on the convalescent list due to a back injury. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Pete Young are celebrating their wedding anniversary during the month. . . . Ken Hudson has a birthday to celebrate. . . . Milt Murray is our new radial drill operator, replacing Joe Majeau. Milt has lost six pounds so far and doesn't miss them a bit. . . . Ray Valente has



John H. Bolton, Jr. was elected to Whitin Board of Directors at the annual meeting on March 17

## JOHN H. BOLTON, JR. ELECTED TO BOARD

Directors re-elected were E. Kent Swift, J. Hugh Bolton, Murray W. Keeler, Phillips Ketchum, Sydney R. Mason, Gordon G. Spence, E. Kent Swift, Jr., and Orrin G. Wood.

Gordon G. Spence was re-elected Treasurer and Sydney R. Mason, Clerk and Secretary.

Following the meeting of stockholders an organizational meeting of directors was held and E. Kent Swift was re-elected Chairman of the Board, J. Hugh Bolton was named President and General Manager, E. Kent Swift, Jr., First Vice-President and John H. Bolton, Jr., R. I. Dalton, Ralph E. Lincoln, Robert J. McConnell, Harry Moss and Erik O. Pierson, Vice-Presidents. Sydney R. Mason was named Secretary and J. A. Robertson, Assistant Secretary. Gordon G. Spence was named Treasurer.



Elmer Benton, right, Technical Coordinator in the Repair Sales Department, received an award of \$100 for a suggestion which led to the development of a faster assembly method on certain traverse motion parts on Spinning Frames. The presentation was made by Richard W. Rawlinson, Manager of the Repair Sales Department

a new granddaughter. She has been named Dona Lisa. . . . Most of the discussions these days are centered upon baseball, gardening and lawns. With thoughts such as these, spring certainly must be just around the corner.

**PICKERS, WINDERS, AND SYNTHETIC SMALL PARTS**

by Roger J. Brissette

Joe Stevens, 421 timekeeper, was born under a lucky star. By arriving at a Worcester store at five in the morning of the day of a sale he was able to get a new 21-inch TV for \$1.98. Joe and the two friends who helped him received scuffed shoes, sore toes, sore ribs, and torn jackets from the hundreds of milling, shoving, short-tempered persons who rushed in when the doors opened. Such bargains went only to the first twenty persons who reached the fifth floor. Considering the beating they took, Joe and his friends now wonder if it was worth it. . . . The motto "Watch the Fords go by" did not apply to Art Leavitt, who was stuck in his Ford as the other cars went by. Some good Samaritan of the road finally gave him a push to get the car started. . . . Rita Deome, timekeeper, has been transferred from Department 446 to Department 429. . . . Ben Varney tells me that what we call a snowstorm down here would be called a small flurry up in New Hampshire. According to Ben, they don't consider it a storm up in the hills until the depth can be measured in feet. . . . Watch future editions of the SPINDLE for Fran Magowan's picture. . . . Did you know that Vas Bakker is sexton of the church that he attends. . . . The last big snowstorm had Hank Pontbriant and George Leland snowbound in Upton. They had a lot of company. . . . The boys of the "Spike Jones Glee Club" serenaded Aza Misakian of Storesroom 18 upon her birthday. Participating in the heart-rending version of *Happy Birthday* were Mike Pontes, George Cotnoir, Jr., Albert Vallee, Sam Cleland, and Oscar Asadoorian. . . . John Sulyma was out a few days with the gripe. . . . Fran Rybak, looking fit as a fiddle, has returned to us after an operation. . . . Fishing season is coming, and Abel Lortie will be after more of those big trout that he caught last year. . . . My fellow skin diver, Keith Kilbreath, tells me that last October at Point Judith his mother-in-law saw and pointed out to him a fifteen-foot shark. Keith says it was cruising just beneath the surface, apparently looking for food, and that he was very happy to be out of the water. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Peterson were among those who journeyed to Providence to give blood for two local lads who suffer from hemophilia. The boys may need blood again. If you would like to give for them when next they need blood, you can get the details from Clarence Peterson or Charlie Johnson.

**GEAR JOB**

by Stan Frodyma

*Personality:* Florent "Ed" Reith was born in Woonsocket on October 23, 1923. In his school days he played baseball and basketball for Woonsocket High. Ed and



Officers of the Home Garden Club and the speakers at the ham and bean supper attended by 125 members and guests at the Fire House on February 25 discuss vegetable varieties. From the left: seated—Dr. Wheeler, extension entomologist at the University of Massachusetts; President Angus Parker; Professor Cecil Thomson, vegetable specialist at the University of Massachusetts; standing—Walter Shaw, Worcester Extension Service; Treasurer Fred Dexter; Vice-President Jacob Haringa; and Secretary Merrill True

the former Alice Fagan were married in St. Charles Church, Woonsocket, on March 2, 1944. Since March, 1945, he has been a lathe hand on the Gear Job. His daughter, Beverly Ann, is a seventh-grade honor pupil at the Mercy Mount Country Day School. The Reiths have bought the ranch-type house in which they live on McArthur Road, Woonsocket, and own a 1955 Pontiac Catalina. Ed's hobbies: water skiing, racing motor boats, golfing, dancing, and trout fishing. He also is a Red Sox fan and has fished for barracuda off the Florida coast.

Frank Stempkowski has returned after a two-month bout with the gripe and complications. . . . Frank Dawicki, our weight lifter, has bought a new Buick. . . . Arthur Beauchesne's son celebrated his fifth birthday and Michael Ezzo's daughter celebrated her second. . . . April marks the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hector Gauthier. . . . Alfred Wood, Inspection, received his 5-year pin. . . . Esmond Ryan has replaced John Zerva at No. 15 Storesroom. . . . On April 11, Philip "Sgt." Svenson flew to West Palm Beach, Florida, for two weeks with his folks. While there he will do some fishing in the Gulf. . . . Mrs. Florent Reith won a valuable jeweled lipstick holder made by Revlon. . . . Michael Ezzo received two cigars and a can of popcorn from Louis Mayerson and Madeline Dean. . . . I've bought a new record of Julia Andrews singing "The Lass with the Delicate Air." . . . Mrs. John Senkarik flew to Miami on March 11. She will visit her son, John, Jr., and return with him by car.

**FLYER JOB AND INSPECTION OFFICE**

by Bernard A. Roddy and Lorna Abramek

Robert Philbrook and Norman Cagnon were out sick with the gripe for one week. We are happy to see them back on the job again. . . . Joseph Berkowicz is out again with arthritis. This is Joe's second week out. We hope it will clear up soon. . . . Due to lack of orders, three men have been laid off: Andrew Smith, Theodore Gryzch and Joseph Bourden. We hope business picks up soon so they will be back with us again. . . . Mrs. Isabelle Ferguson and Mrs. Eva Labrecque have been transferred temporarily. Isabelle has gone to Department 433 and Eva to Purchase Inspection. . . . We sympathize with Henry Harper whose daughter, Judy, is in Roger Williams Hospital in Providence. . . . Michael Garabedian, an apprentice draftsman, has spent four weeks in this department. . . . Peter Kurik has been rehearsing his singing lately, getting ready for Easter. We hear Peter is especially good on Easter songs. . . . Bernard Roddy and his wife attended the Boston flower show March 10. It was certainly up to the name of "Miracle of Spring." . . . The Inspection Office welcomes Paul Zemianek, inspector from Department 439, who is working temporarily in the Gage Room. Paul just returned to the Inspection Department after a hitch with the U. S. Navy. . . . Birthday greetings in April go to Olive Pendleton and Paul Zemianek. We suggest that you do not ask Olive which birthday it is as she decided last year's was her last. Shades of Jack Benny!



Robert I. Dalton, Jr., Southern Agent, has been promoted to the Main Sales Offices in Whitinsville

### R. I. Dalton, Jr. Promoted

Mr. Robert I. Dalton, Jr., Southern Agent in our Charlotte, N. C., Sales Office since 1955, is being promoted to the Company's Main Sales Offices in Whitinsville, according to Mr. John H. Bolton, Jr., Vice-President and Director of Sales.

Mr. Dalton will work closely with Mr. R. J. McConnell, Vice-President in charge of Cotton and Spun Rayon Sales Divisions, in the general supervision of sales activities affecting these Divisions.

Mr. Dalton began his work with Whitin on July 1, 1946 in the Charlotte Office, following military service with the U. S. Army in Europe where he participated in five campaigns, and was discharged with the rank of Major.

His business activities in Charlotte have been many and varied. He is a past president of the Charlotte Textile Club and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Charlotte City Club. He also holds membership in the Rotary Club, the Piedmont Club and the Charlotte Country Club. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Globe Mills and also of the Pyramid Life Insurance Company. He is a member of the County School Board and also is on the Advisory Board of the North Carolina Vocational Training School. He is married to the former Miss Gwin Barnwell and has two daughters. His hobbies are sailing and golf.

The family name of Dalton will be a familiar one to many old-time Whitin employees, as Mr. Robert Dalton, Sr., Bob's father, is a Vice-President of the Company and has served Whitin in a sales capacity for over fifty years in the Charlotte Office.

Mr. J. L. Orr of our Spartanburg Office is being transferred to Charlotte to assume the duties of Mr. Dalton's position.

### BOLSTER JOB

by Charles Kheboian

Eugene Thomas has returned to work after a three-month absence due to an injury received in an automobile accident. We've certainly missed Gene and all the tall tales he spins. . . . At this writing, Clement Lash is out ill. We wish him a speedy recovery. . . . Leo Bouley and



Robert, son of Harold Flinton of Department 438, caught this pickerel through the frozen surface of Meadow Pond

Harold Flinton were among the many thousands who took in the New England Boat Show at Boston. Leo Bouley had a little bad luck when the motor in his car caught on fire. Fortunately nobody was injured but there was extensive damage to the car. . . . This month Al Girouard's son reported to the Air Force for basic training in Texas. . . . George Sesona traded in his car for a brand new Dodge.

Dick Baker, Bill Vandersloot, Art Bruneau, Walter Turpak, Eddie Roberts and Leo Bouley all definitely say this is the Red Sox year because of the return of Don Buddin to their team. But Dominic O'Gara and Bob Cochrane smile and say no. . . . Harold Flinton, Lindsay Harding and Harold's son Robert went ice fishing. Robert caught the most fish as he has pictures to prove.

### WOOD PATTERNS

by Vera Taylor

Congratulations are in order for George Gauthier whose suggestion relative to storing lumber on the job won him an award. . . . We have had with us in the person of J. Edward Spearman another Foundry apprentice observing wood pattern making. We trust his stay was enjoyable and informative. . . . Joe Chenette and Archie Fournier have recuperated from their recent illnesses and are back in full swing again. . . . Robert Shaw has joined the Active United States Naval Reserve and recommends it highly. In fact, we strongly suspect he is a member of the recruiting service now. . . . This seems to have become the "movingest" job of late. Leon Bruno is moving back to his native haunts in East Douglas. He and his wife have purchased a seven-room house on Yew Street and should be firmly entrenched by now. On the other hand, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fenner who recently moved to Northbridge are returning to Whitinsville to the house on Pine Street which the Brunos are vacating. . . . Alfred Sutcliffe, Albert John and Vera Taylor celebrate birthdays in April. Many happy returns.

### FOUNDRY NEWS

by Gerard Brouillette

Albert DeYoung is undergoing treatment at Robert Breck Brigham Hospital in Boston. He has been there for eight weeks. Albert has been with Whitin for about thirty-five years. He would greatly appreciate news from some of the boys. . . . Due to the snowstorm, the Foundry Golf League banquet was postponed for one week. When a new date is set, all members will be notified. . . . Don "Ken" Blizzard of the Foundry Office has left for a two-week cruise with the Naval Reserves. Bob Winiarski, of the Apprentice School, who Ken replaced last September, has come to replace him for this period. Welcome home, Bob.



Lindsay Harding, Bolster Job, sought pickerel through the ice of Meadow Pond



**RING JOB**

by Robert E. Balcome and Joseph Witek

My apologies to my co-reporter for having transferred him in the March issue. My error was discovered too late to be corrected. Even inspectors make mistakes sometimes! . . . Our April best wishes for happy birthdays go to Mary West, Joseph Hetherington, Charles Coombs and Herbert Smith. . . . Louis Dionne recently showed me a picture of Ernie and his pretty Japanese wife and daughter. They are now in the state of Washington where our ex-ring-jobber is stationed. . . . We welcome back to our department Al Chauvin and Sid Frieswyk. Alphonse Turgeon has returned after a spell of surgery and convalescence.

**ATF PRESSES**

by Robert J. Brown

A relatively new department which started with only eight men, we now have over forty and we are still growing. . . . Gil Hoyt, Al Castonguay, and Gordon Baker celebrated birthdays in March; Francis Lockwood, Edward Haczynski, and Al Desrosiers observed wedding anniversaries. It is strange that everyone will tell when a birthday or anniversary arrives but no one will tell how many. . . . Ken Reid, Joe Valis, and Paul Poulin all are driving new cars. Wish I knew the trick, for I could use a new car too!

**DEPARTMENT 411**

by Jerry Biron

Our personality this month is James W. Darling who was born September 30, 1897, in Medway. He attended the Boston public schools. Jim's first employment was with the Winter Brothers Tap & Die Works where he started in 1913 and worked until 1917. He enlisted in the Army and was



Theodore Grzych, Flyer Job, caught a twenty-six inch pickerel weighing five pounds

with the 101st Infantry Regiment of the Yankee Division. Returning from army duty, he worked for a while for ATF in Franklin, Mass. Having served his country well, Jim was awarded vocational training in 1921 and entered The University of Massachusetts at Amherst where he majored in horticulture. After graduating, Jim was employed as head greenskeeper at the Colonial Golf Club in Lynnfield, Mass., then at the Sagamore Spring Club for a short time, and then moved to Woonsocket. Jim is married to the former Margaret Flanagan. They have a son, a daughter, and two grandchildren of whom Jim is very proud. Jim first came to Whitin in 1939 but left. After working elsewhere for a few years he returned in 1946 to work in Department 411 where he has been since. In his younger days Jim was a very good football player. As the years rolled by his interest has turned to baseball and he is very proud to say that he is a Red Sox fan. Jim's saying is, "There will be many other good ball players in the years to come, but there will never be another Ted Williams."



Back in 1923 Walter Darling, Department 411 personality, played guard on the University of Massachusetts football team

**BOX JOB**

by Alice Travaille

At this writing Foreman Al Blanchette is convalescing from an operation at Memorial Hospital. All the department hopes for his quick recovery and return to work, especially Chillo Lariviere who has been filling in for him. . . . Jim Dorsey is the only person celebrating an April birthday. We wish him a happy day and many more.



John Baker, who for forty-two years was a member of the Roll Job, retired on March 3

**Four Employees Retire**

John Baker, Inspector, retired March 3 after accumulating 43 years of continuous service in the employ of the Whitin Machine Works. He was employed for 42 years in the Roll Job before its transfer to the Company's Charlotte Shop, North Carolina. Mr. Baker, at the time of his retirement, was an inspector in the Grinding Department. He lives with Mrs. Baker at 21 C Street, Whitinsville. They have two sons, George and Norman, and a daughter, Mrs. Helen Tatro, all employed at Whitin Machine Works.

Thomas W. Winstanley, before his retirement, was employed for six years in Whitin's Repair Sales Department, specializing in handling H & B repair orders. He had been employed by the H & B American Machine Company for 52 years and joined Whitin when that firm liquidated in 1952. Mr. Winstanley now resides at 416 Newport Avenue, South Attleboro.

Ovide O. Dame retired March 3 after 17 years of service in the Company's Structural Iron Department. He lives at 40 Grafton St., Millbury, Mass.

John Szerlag, who was employed in the Cast Iron Room at Whitin for 15 years, also retired. He lives at 10 Spring Hill Avenue, Northbridge, Mass.



This is one of the boats that Fred Kramer, Department 427, has built from plans. He is always interested in talking about boat building

### STEEL FABRICATION

by Frank M. Crossland

Names in the News: Henry Deslauriers has gone on a diet. . . . Alfred "Sheriff" Nichols and Gene Closson were re-elected constables in the Upton Police Department at a recent town election. Gene has been Deputy Police Chief. . . . Harvey Croteau was out while recuperating from a virus attack. . . . Reno H. Pigalargi, second shift, has a poultry farm as a sideline. With Easter not too far away, the "egg money" should come in handy for Reno. . . . Arthur "Chief" Mercier is now smoking the expensive and slenderizing cigarette "Trim." . . . Mr. George C. Vacher is now sporting the only 1958 car in the whole Arcade Division—a fabulous Chevrolet Impala sport coupe. . . . Thomas "Tonto" Pottie, preparing to appear in a local minstrel show, is rehearsing "Old Black Joe" and "Are You from Dixie." . . . Ronald Bibeault is seriously thinking of resigning from the Woonsocket Civilian Defense Police Force. . . . A number of 432 employees were on the donors list for the American Red Cross Blood Drive recently. We are proud to take part in this worthwhile community project. . . . Spring is here, and it is nice to have mild weather again. Winter is for the birds and they don't like it either. . . . Birthday wishes to Mike Yozura and George C. Vacher.

Personality for the month: Rene F. Rock of 471 Pond Street, Woonsocket, was born on February 25, 1915, the son of Joseph and Dorilda Rock. He attended Woonsocket schools. Rene married the former Marie L. Renaud in Woonsocket on June 12, 1937. They have two children: Rene, Jr., age 18, and Rachel, age 17. Hobbies of interest to Rene are fishing, photography, and model airplanes. He drives a 1949 Ford beach buggy which takes him fishing along the Rhode Island coast and the Cape. Asked if he played a musical instrument, his reply was, "Several, but only by

ear." He began his employ at Whitin in December, 1952, in Department 432. It is the hope of Rene that he will live to reach the age of his pension and be able to spend more time on the beach trying to catch the big salt water fish. I for one feel sure that Rene will get that wish.

### TIN SHOP, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

by Dorsey Devlin and Pete Paddock

Personality of the month: Carl Brodd, general group leader in Department 442, was born and attended school in Millville. After graduation, he served a hitch in the Navy, sailing aboard the cruiser *U.S.S. Portland*. (The *Portland* was the first U. S. cruiser equipped with automatic fire control.) Carl joined Whitin in 1936, leaving in 1942 to join the Army. He saw combat with the 172nd Infantry Regiment, 43rd Division, in the South Pacific. Carl and Mrs. Brodd, the former Judith H. Anderson, own the house in which they live on Douglas Street, Uxbridge. They have as their mutual hobby an interest in growing plants in their greenhouse, an activity which takes up much of their time.

Simon Wolock, formerly of the Roll Job, is now at Highland Park Rest Home. He would like to hear from friends. . . . As we write this column with a northeast blizzard blowing outside, it is hard to visualize that when you read it, the major league baseball teams will have all returned from the sunny South and will be off and running in the 1958 pennant scramble. Predictions: I say Yankees all the way; Pete sticks with the Braves the same way. . . . Paul Rutanna spent a week in



Surf casting in the waters along the Rhode Island coast and the Cape is the hobby of Rene F. Rock, Department 432 personality



Carl Brodd, Department 442 personality, has served in both the Army and the Navy

Washington, D. C. at the C.I.O. Convention. . . . We are all glad to have Norman Spratt back with us after a six months' illness. . . . Ross Rajotte and family attended the Ice Follies at the Boston Garden on March 2. . . . Eddie Horan and wife have moved from Church Street in Whitinsville to Blackstone Street in Uxbridge. . . . Bob and Arlene Campo have gone housekeeping on School Court in Douglas.

### TOP ROLL JOB

by George H. Bond

We welcome into 425 this month the following: Harold Rider, Leon Dumas and Ragnar Strom to our machining section, and Anna LeBlanc, Florence Zerogian and William McGuire, Jr., to our over arm assembly section. . . . Esther Stewart has returned to her timekeeping duties after three weeks at home with injuries from a fall. . . . We wish Agnes Cawley and William Greenwood speedy recoveries from their illnesses.

Our congratulations to Bert Taschereau on being promoted to S/Sgt. in Company B-118th Engineers, Rhode Island National Guard. . . . After a recent heavy snowstorm Henry "Mac" McCulloch came in with the best excuse in a long time. The snow had drifted so deep in his yard that he couldn't even find his car. He had to use a twenty-foot pole to locate it. Much to his dismay, since then the plow has thrown a second pile on top of his buried car. Our suggestion is either to invest in a Geiger counter before next year or to move out of North Smithfield! . . . During the past month we said farewell to Bill Laforce, Herman Houle, John Neuroda, Catherine Beaumont, Isabelle Smith, Joe Bouthillette, Roger Goulet and Tony Lima.

**SPINNING SMALL PARTS**

by *Jacob Sohigian*

After a long delay, I am getting around to having another column appear in the SPINDLE. I am asking all the personnel of this department to cooperate with me in helping keep this column active in future issues. Any bit of news, big or small, means a lot in gaining this goal. Pictures of all activities are also welcome. If I should not come to you for news, you come to me. . . . At this writing, Wilfred St. Jean, Francis Forsythe, Arthur Dion, and Theresa Creasia are on our sick list. We are praying for their speedy recovery, and hope to see them back with us soon. . . . Transfers and lay-offs have taken their toll in this department as well as in others. The latest to leave are Florence Zeroogian, Anna LeBlanc, Paul Contois and Rose Proulx. We wish them lots of luck and hope their absence is a short one. . . . Our foreman's clerk, Dorothy Hanley, has been transferred to the Master List Department. Her replacement is Rita Deome. Rita is not new to the department as she previously worked here for a short while. Good luck to Dot and a hearty welcome to Rita. . . . Yvonne Larochelle of Inspection is recuperating at her home after surgery at Doctors Hospital. We hope she will be back before this issue is published. . . . Arthur Bedard, who recently retired, is now having the life of Riley enjoying the comforts of life. We wish him the best of luck. . . . Baseball season is here once again and as usual I am sticking to my Red Sox. I predict the Red Sox are going to surprise everyone this year. With a little luck they could go all the way. They have the potential. "Keep making the news and Sohigian will keep printing it." Let's adopt this slogan as the by-line for our future columns.



Wilfred Miclette of Department 410 and Mrs. Miclette live in Woonsocket. A trucker, Wilfred has been with Whitin for eleven years

The family of the late Frank P. Libbey express their sincere gratitude to their many friends in the Whitin Machine Works who remembered them during their recent bereavement.

MRS. FRANK P. LIBBEY  
AND CHILDREN

**SPINDLE JOB**

by *Jacob Wassenaar*

We are very happy to have Ovilla Gervais, Jr., back on the job again. Ovilla was hospitalized for the past three months. We wish him continued improvement in his health. . . . Congratulations to John Eustace and Arthur King on completing 15 years of service. They were presented pins by Jacob DeJong. . . . Congratulations to Vera Carr who had a birthday March 19.

Ragnar Strom was transferred to Department 425; Albert Violette to Department 418; Ernest LaPorte, Noel Rondeau, and Adrian Ballou took the lay-off. Hope they will all be back soon. . . . Keith Wilcox, one of the floor inspectors of Department 439 whose hobby is being a radio ham, had an experience. He attempted to put up a beam antenna for his transmitter while the March winds were blowing hard. A passer-by found Keith on the ground, with the antenna on top of him, all tangled up with the lead-in wire. The code he was using is not fit to print in the SPINDLE. . . . Lena McKay and Kathryn Gilroy are getting streamlined by taking calisthenics evenings at the gym.

**RESEARCH DIVISION**

by *Aram Sisoian*

Congratulations to Ernie Goyette on his forty-second wedding anniversary. Sorry we overlooked him last month. We also missed Arthur Adams' birthday. To both we apologize. . . . Observing wedding anniversaries this month are Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Meotti, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lash, and Mr. and Mrs. William Strzelewicz. . . . During this month birthdays are being celebrated by Ernie Zimmermann, Ike Peloquin, Spike Smith and Elaine Dupre. To all we wish happy anniversaries and birthdays. . . . Floyd Gudowski is in the hospital. Everyone wishes him a very speedy recovery and quick return. . . . Ken Stanley wore a four-inch shamrock on St. Patrick's Day.

At the Home Garden Club banquet, Arthur Adams picked his own number in drawing for the door prize. The prize was strictly for the birds—two pounds of bird seed.

**SPINNING, CARD ERECTING, AND POLISHING**

by *Francis Horan*

With coming of April, we hope business will have improved enough to get the men into that old baseball fever again. . . . Many of the men in some of these departments have been transferred. It seems strange not to see them around when SPINDLE news time arrives. . . . Getting back to baseball, I wonder sometimes if parents and children realize the wonderful facilities that are available in this town and all the hard work the coaches and supervisors put into baseball training. . . . Bill Leclair paid off, with a head of lettuce, a debt he owed to Tony Ianitelli. Tony insisted that Bill take it back home and give it to his wife, however. After his siege of illness, it seemed good to have Bill back with his sense of humor. An active member of the local union, he has always been fair in his arguments for both sides. We hope that by the time this SPINDLE is issued all will be in accord and things are running smoothly. . . . The Whitin Home Garden Club is now getting into full swing and the officers hope old and new members will cooperate by signing for their lots as soon as possible. . . . Ernest Pickup, out for some time due to an operation, returned on March 24. Ernest is Foreman of Department 433. Clinton White, his assistant, did a very good job substituting for him. . . . Mr. Herman Haringa of Department 448B and Mrs. Haringa celebrated their thirty-third wedding anniversary last month. . . . The boys seem to think that if you go just the opposite of what Ben Scott's new barometer says you are more likely to get a reliable prediction of the weather. . . . Observing wedding anniversaries in March were Alec Wilson and Roy Krumbholz. . . . Celebrating birthdays in March were John Walker, Bill Hall, Bill Leclair, Bob Gellately, Tom McCallum, Leo Paul Gamelin, Bill Demague and Germain Desrosiers.



Gloria, 12-year old daughter of Charles Walker of Routing, rides her horse Don at Howard Libbey's farm

**TOOL JOB**

by George Jones

William Modderman, our new crib attendant, and Mrs. Modderman celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on March 1. . . . Raymond Kempton was seen in the parking lot helping Tom Postma change a flat tire. Just the day before, Omer Dubois, also of the Tool Job, had a flat tire and Tom pestered Omer while he changed it. . . . Ray Girard, Joe Brooks and Alfred Ledoux went to Point Judith, R. I. clamming and quahogging March 8 but somehow got fouled up on the tides. . . . Allan McCrea was transferred from the Welding Room to Department 411. John Pate, repairman, was transferred to Department 426. William Mongeau of the night shift was laid off.

**CUTTING-OFF JOB**

by June Boisvert and Irene Mombourquette

Many happy returns of the day go to Raymond Landry who celebrated a birthday in March. . . . We are glad to hear that Janet Harding has returned after a leave of absence. . . . There is another addition to Irene Mombourquette's family. Her daughter, Mrs. Francis Small, gave birth to a baby boy, Michael Francis, on February 21. Francis was home on leave from Gelnshaven, Germany, for the happy occasion. . . . Incidentally, Frank and Mrs. Rousseau can't wait for Christmas when their son, Gerard, in the Air Force, plans to come home from Berlin, Germany for the holidays. . . . Emile Aussant reports that Post No. 343 of the American Legion in Northbridge is going ahead with their annual Easter baskets. The proceeds are for the Community Chest for the different children's parties given for them during the year. . . . We've heard of puppies chewing up toys, socks and shoes and even furniture, but have you ever heard of one chewing up a set of dentures? We have. Recently, one of our men came in one morning without his dentures. He explained that his dog had jumped up and pulled them down off a night table during the night and proceeded to chew them up.

**A NOTE OF THANKS**

We express our sincerest gratitude to each of the fifteen men and women from several departments who unselfishly donated blood for our sons, Stephen and Daniel, at the Rhode Island Hospital on Thursday and Friday, March 6 and 7. Our appreciation also to those who provided transportation for the donors and for the many offers from those who would have given blood had it been possible for them to do so.

ROLAND B. FARRAR  
AND FAMILY

Happy motoring to the Boisverts. June is now sporting a new red and white Ford Victoria.

**MILLING JOB**

by Harry Ludvigson

Everett Leclair, our personality for this month, is the man who works on the big Kearney and Trecker near the office. Everett, who started at Whitin three years ago on February 17, 1955, was born in Milford and received his schooling in Upton and Northbridge. He also attended North High School in Worcester. Prior to taking employment at Whitin Machine Works, he was employed at the Charles Dowd Box Company of Worcester for four months. He was married on October 24, 1953, to the former Estella Garland of Upton. They make their home on North Street in Upton and are the parents of a son, Everett Jr., age three. He is a lover of all sports and also likes to get out with a rod and reel whenever possible.

Many happy returns to the following who observed wedding anniversaries this month: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walsh, their

38th; Mr. and Mrs. James Fallon, their 31st; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Poxon, their 30th; Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Benoit, their 30th; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Beaudoin, their 25th; Mr. and Mrs. Armand Auger, their 11th; and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kiczak, their 11th. . . . James Darcy of Inspection, received his five-year pin from Mr. Harold Wassenar. . . . Welcome to William Blair who joined us during the month. Bill formerly worked in Department 409.

**PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT**

by Marge Newton and Tad Wallace

Our personality this month is a person who is well known in the Production Department for his quiet manner and the fact that things just never seem to disturb him. By now you must realize we are speaking of Harvey Deslauriers. Harvey was born and raised in Whitinsville. He attended the public schools and graduated in 1930 from Northbridge High School where he was active in athletics. Football was his first love and he played for several seasons with the Whitin Crusaders who were widely known in this area. After graduation, Harvey found that getting a job in 1930 was a pretty difficult task, so rather than remain idle, he returned to Northbridge to take a post-graduate course. In 1933 he secured employment here in the plant. His first job was working for the late Fred Matthewman who was foreman of the Tin Cylinder Department. Harvey has had several jobs in the plant and in 1941 joined the Production Department as an expeditor. At present he is supervisor of the material requirements special section.

A resident of Whitinsville for many years, Harvey and Mrs. Deslauriers, the former Alma Roy, and their six children—Carol, 15, Harvey Jr., 14, Bob, 11, Marie, 9, Christine, 4, and Stephen, 2—now reside in a recently purchased home on Davis Street in East Douglas. When Harvey is not busy around his home, he and the family can be found at their favorite spot on Stevens Pond in Manchaug where Harvey is building a summer cottage. It is here that he pursues one of his pet hobbies, boating. The site is also the place where Harvey and his co-workers (to whom he affectionately refers as the "F.L." Club) enjoy many "steak-outs." Usually the participants are Red Adams, Harry Mitchell, Bill Mayberry, Irving Lightbown, Hector Chausse, Ray Kucharski and Don Nelson. (The significance of the "F.L." Club is unknown to your reporters. We are sure Harvey will gladly clarify this designation for any interested persons.)

The patch you may have seen adorning Ray Young's left eye was definitely the result of an accident. Had not one of your reporters been at the scene, Ray may have had a hard time explaining the situation. He was officiating at a basketball game in East Douglas on February 21. In the process of describing a foul, Ray



Harvey Departie, Alfred Milano, and George Moran, rugged men from the Tool Job, dug quahogs on March 1, 1958



The 1958 Northbridge High basketball squad ended the season with a record of fifteen victories and six defeats. Standing, from the left, Robert Paine, James Leonard, Donald Lemelin, Richard Feen, Co-Captain Thomas Woodcome, John Roche, Kenneth Arekelian, Co-Captain Charles Plante, Richard Wheeler, Coach Victor Cervizzi, Assistant Coach John Doldoorian; kneeling, Manager Kenneth Kooistra

was run into by a Douglas lad (Paul Virostek, who weighs about 120 pounds) and the crash resulted in a 10-stitch gash over Ray's eye and a mere scratch on Paul's forehead. The following night in Norton, the same Douglas team was involved in a play-off game. Guess who had five fouls called against him? Right, Paul Virostek. Guess who the official was who called four of the five? Right again—Ray Young. Seriously, Ray's many friends in East Douglas were very sorry to have seen him injured and very happy that Doctor Ray Spooner's expert embroidery closed the wound leaving hardly any trace of the incident.

The following is true and we want to point out that it is not our intent to inject any humor into the incident. Recently on a Sunday afternoon, Pat DiSalvo and a girl friend were window shopping in Providence. Suddenly they were met by three young boys, one of whom without any warning smashed a raw egg on Pat's head. Naturally she was startled. Her first concern was to get as much of the egg out of her hair as possible. This accomplished, she gave chase to the trio and finally caught them. As she attempted to apprehend the guilty one, a second boy started beating Pat with a stick. A car arrived on the scene and the boys fled. It turned out to be police officers who, after inquiring as to the nature of the trouble, took Pat to a precinct police station where she gave a description of the boys and an account of the incident. Pat estimates the average age of the three boys at about eleven years,

which leads us to wonder what happens next inasmuch as Pat was not the only victim of this particular brand of prank on the same day.

Our bowling team did not make the roll-offs this season. We had hoped that this was the year but it looks like we'll "wait until next year" again! Manager Magill claims that injuries and sickness hampered his team considerably. He is seriously considering some summer bowling for his club in order that they may start the next season in high gear. Speaking of bowling, Jack Gilchrist and John Stanovich bowled Adrian Donatelli and Chet Farrar for the dinners. Donatelli and Farrar really enjoyed the meal.

The Production Department Golf League, which has had so much success the past few years, has expanded into an eight-team league this year. Interest is running high and play is scheduled to start shortly. Team captains for this year are Jim Kane, Ernie Bonoyer, Charlie Malkasian, Don Sangster, Ray Young, Joe Mercak, Grant Fournier and Ted Bisson. The teams have been quite evenly matched and momentarily the league in general could possibly be as close as last year when the play-off slots were not decided until the next to the last matches of the season.

Our former co-writer of this column, Dorsey Devlin, comes in for a bit of commendation this month. On February 23, a fire broke out in the residence of Mr. Edward Meek in East Douglas. Mr. Meek

was alone in the house at the time. He was in a semi-conscious condition as a result of smoke inhalation when the firemen arrived on the scene. Our friend Dorsey assisted in getting Mr. Meek safely out of the house. Congratulations, Dorsey.

**MACHINE ACCOUNTING, PAYROLL COMPUTATION, STATEMENTS, BUDGETS, AND TIMEKEEPING**

by Bob English

*Machine Accounting:* That TV has gone all out for westerns is an unquestioned fact. However, when the girls on the night shift in this division took a cab from South Station to the Boston Garden, it resembled a mad dash in a stagecoach to Dodge City to save the weekly payroll. "Things have gone a little too fer, podner!" It's still a question as to which provided the greater thrill—the unexpected adventure on four wheels, or the humorous and breath-taking beauty of the Ice Follies. "Operation Recreation" was a huge success for Virginia Audette, Dot Hamblin, Aileen Morin, Joyce Brown, Anita Belanger, and their spouses. . . . Birthday greetings for April to Paul Trinqué and Joyce Brown. . . . Janice DeBoer and Joyce Bagnall donated blood to the Red Cross on March 4.

*Payroll Computation:* The weekly bowling by the girls in the department is primarily to keep trim. From this vantage point, it has affected only their appetites.



**MYSTERY PHOTO.** On the left is Lynn Richardson of Wage Standards. On the right, photographed about 1920, is a man born in the Netherlands who is interested in photography

. . . The New England Boat Show in Boston appealed to Evelyn Maziarka on February 25. . . . Gloria Audet donated blood, March 4, to the American Red Cross.

*Statements:* Joan Sughrue has transferred to the Cost Department. We wish her luck on her new job.

*Timekeeping:* Jerry Chaput, Department 416, a member of the U. S. Naval Reserve, returned from a two-week cruise to Puerto Rico.

## WAGE STANDARDS

by Marilyn Blair and Eileen Jussaume

Personality of the month: Our personality for this month is Elizabeth Brown, who was born in O'Leary, Prince Edward Island, the daughter of the village blacksmith. She spent her childhood and received her schooling there. When she reached her late teens, she and a girl friend went to Bath, Maine. She stayed there several years and while there met her husband, the late Karl Brown who was supervisor of Inspection on Department 438. She later went to Boston where she and Karl were married. They then came to Whitinsville and resided at 66 Overlook Street, where she still lives. She came to Wage Standards in 1947. She is an active member of the Village Congregational Church and belongs to many of its associated societies. She has always given freely of her time to charitable agencies such as being a Nurse's Aide at the Whitinsville Hospital and collecting for the Red Cross and Northbridge Agencies. She enjoys many activities, including needle work. She has a cottage, where she spends much of the summer, at Lake Nipmuc. Much of her happiness is with her grandniece, 9-month old Susan, and grandnephew, 16-month old Mark.

Birthdays this month are being celebrated by Donald Frieswyk and Eileen Jussaume. . . . Bob Tancrell hired L. Smith to make him a toy box. Instructions: make it the way you want and take your time.

Every day Bob has a new way to make this box and wants to know when it is going to be ready. What we want to know is why does Bob Tancrell want a toy box? . . . Various members of the office have heard from Lee Watson, and from the letters Lee seems to be enjoying himself. Although Florida is supposed to be the sunshine state, topcoats have been in order practically all season. In his letters he wishes to be remembered to all his friends.

## ENGINEERING AND MASTER LIST DEPARTMENTS

by Louis Lucier and Frances Healey

On February 10, Jack Ratcliffe, our former SPINDLE reporter, assumed his new duties in supervision of the Engineering Records Section. Previous to this appointment, Jack was assigned to the mill layout group as a draftsman, a position he had held since joining the Engineering Department in June of 1954. Congratulations. . . . The welcome mat goes out this month for Dorothy Hanley, formerly of Department 429, who started working in the printing section of Master List, and to Dave Garcelon who has been working in the blueprint section of the Engineering Department for the past month or so. . . . Congratulations to Joe Roche on being reelected on the School Committee in the town of Douglas. . . . Belated anniversary congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Les Benton. . . . Again, the past month has found a couple of our fellow employees doing jury duty. Bill Young has been traveling to Boston daily, while Ed Desjourdy has been seeing the sights of the Worcester Court House. . . . Two guys from the Engineering Department, Bill Pontes and Carlton Baker will remember the night of January 18, 1958, for a long time to come. These two had attended night school at Worcester Junior College and on their way home ran out of gas on Route 146. The temperature was below zero. It must have been nice pushing. . . . We hope now that Ted Fior has been operated on, he will be back with

us soon. . . . President J. Hugh Bolton and Mr. E. Kent Swift, Jr. recently presented Ken Piper with a 30-year pin. . . . On February 26, Mr. W. Meigs presented Dick Ramsbotham with a 10-year pin. . . . Birthdays for the month: John Tebeau, Earl Wood, Dick Ramsbotham, Bruno Kerner, Henry Rivet, R. K. Brown, Ed Jerominek, Martha Fessenden, and Lou Lucier. . . . Jim Arsenault recently bought a house on North Main Street here in town. . . . Celia Boudreau, who on February 21 left us to await the stork, received many beautiful gifts during a lunch hour. . . . The Engineering Golf League will start at Long-Draft on April 30.

Our personalities of the month are Felix Youngsma and Lloyd Rose. Felix was born in Holland the year of 1897. He now makes his home in South Sutton, with his wife Gertrude. He is a Repair Order Analyst on Roving. His long service in Department 427 under L. J. Ramsey has made him a valuable asset in the repair end of roving machinery. He worked 38 years in Department 427 and for the past 5 years he has been in Master List. His son Herman works in Department 454 and his brother Jacob in Department 411. Felix is mighty proud of his four grandchildren who often visit their grandpa and grandma in order to see the chickens and rabbits that take up Felix's spare time.

Lloyd Rose was born in Woonsocket and makes his home on Woonsocket Hill Road in North Smithfield, R. I., with his wife Marjorie and their three children. Lloyd, a graduate of Woonsocket High School, served his apprenticeship as a draftsman here and also attended Worcester Junior College. As he says, he worked in Department 448B and "quite a few others," before he ended up where he is today. He is a very modest guy and one of the best liked fellows in the department. He is a member of the Engineering Golf League and one of his greatest hobbies is, in his own words, "searching for lost golf balls." He also is a pretty handy man around the house. It certainly is nice to have fellows like Lloyd and Felix around.

## COST DEPARTMENT

by Beatrice Gauthier

We welcome Joan Sughrue to the Cost Department. She formerly worked in the Payroll Department. . . . We are happy to have Florence Perry, Oscar Erickson and Helen Cotter back with us after their recent illnesses. . . . Our good wishes go to Lillian Follett and Jennie Johnson who are leaving to wait for a visit from "Mr. Stork." . . . Birthday wishes this month go to Joe Platukis, Everett Grant, Ken Crossman and Mona Paine. . . . Anniversary congratulations to Roy and Karen Benner, 31 years; Roscoe and Ruth Knight, 21 years; Carl and Eva Dupree, 19 years; Yvonne and John Lash, 14 years; Margaret and Donald Crosby, 12 years; and Tom and Betty Altoonian, 11 years.

... The Cost Department was almost turned into a maternity ward again this year when the same cat that had kittens in the storage room last spring, came in looking for the same place to have them this year. She was quickly shown the way out, however.

We wish Cleve and Pauline Reynolds the best of luck with the house they recently purchased and moved into on East Street. ... Eve Lundberg has moved into the tenement they vacated. She isn't sorry to leave all those stairs back in Uxbridge. ... Tom Altoonian is back from a two-week tour of duty with the Air Force Reserve as a recruiting officer. Tom has finished fourteen years in the active and reserve Air Force. ... Telix Richard is taking a lot of good-natured ribbing from his pals in the office. It seems he took the snow tires off his car, and there followed a three-day snow storm. He won't take them off till after Easter next year.

**REPAIR SALES**  
by Carol Corron

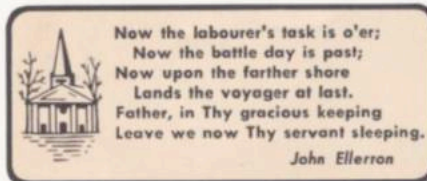
Personality of the month: Charles Anderson was born on July 3, 1920, in Millville, his home town. Graduating from Blackstone High School in 1937, he enlisted in August, 1942, and was sent to Army schools at the University of Mississippi. He was promoted to technical sergeant and saw service in administrative intelligence work. Charles received battle stars for the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, Central Europe campaigns and was decorated by the Belgian Minister of Defense with the Croix de Guerre avec Palme. Later he was in Manila when the atom bomb was dropped. He was discharged at Fort Devens in October, 1945.

Between graduating from high school and enlisting, he had worked in the Production Department here. He returned to Whitin to work as a storesroom attendant, as storesroom supervisor, as expeditor, and as scheduler. He transferred to Repair Sales, where he is coordinator of the Fayscott-Charlotte section, in December, 1950. Charles is active in civic and fraternal affairs. He is a member of the executive committee of St. John's Episcopal Church and of Millville Good Government Association, the Board of Registrars, American Legion Post 411, Republican Town Committee, Blackstone River Lodge A.F. & A.M., Union Chapter #5 R.A.C., and the Woonsocket Commandery #24 Knights Templar.

A bachelor, Charles enjoys sports, including swimming, hunting, fishing, and boating on Narragansett Bay. He is interested in photography. He is well liked in both the Shop and the office.

Orrin Austin is serving on the Federal jury in Boston for a month. ... Birthday wishes this month to Betty Mombourquette, Ruth Valentine, and Mr. Nelson. ... Anniversary wishes to Norma Baker and Marguerite Tatro. ...

Get-well wishes to Cecil Small who had quite a long stay in the hospital recently. We sure hope by the time this issue comes out he is back with us and in good health. ... Our congratulations to Mr. Rawlinson on the fine job he did as chairman of the Red Cross Drive here in Whitinsville.



*Their friends and associates extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved*

George Sesona, Bolster Job, on the death of his mother, age 75, on March 8.

Eva Bousquet, Department 439 time clerk, on the death of her sister, Laura, in Northbridge, on February 16.

Carl Brodd, Department 442, on the death of his sister, Mrs. Elsie Quist.

Relatives and friends of Carl V. Swanson.

Family and friends of Joseph Forcier, for many years timekeeper on the Tool Job, who died in Woonsocket.

Russell Hayward, Storesroom 26, on the death of his mother, Mrs. Harry Hayward, formerly of Upton, in Albion, Maine, on February 17.

Alphege Lozier, Jr., Department 435, on the death of his father-in-law, James Casey, of Millville.

David Seiberth, Department 465, on the death of his father.

Family and friends of Joseph Courteau, Sr., 86, of East Hartford Avenue, Uxbridge, who died recently.

Friends and relatives of Alfred Pouliot, 48, of 67 School Street, Northbridge, who died recently in St. Vincent Hospital.

Survivors and friends of Oliver Bonoyer, 76, of 58 Lake Street, Whitinsville, who died in St. Vincent Hospital on February 5. A native of East Sherbrook, P.Q., Canada, he was for fifty-one years a machine operator on the Spinning Floor.

Maurice Deshaies, Engineering, on the recent death of his mother.

Shirley Zakarian, Engineering, on the recent deaths of her mother and of her uncle.

Robert W. Britton on the death of his aunt, Mary E. Britton, 67, who died at North Reddington Beach, Florida, on March 8. A lifelong resident of Whitinsville, she was a graduate of Northbridge High and of Hill College. One of the first women hired by Whitin and the most senior woman employee, she had been a Whitin employee for thirty-nine years at the time of her retirement.

Family and friends of Hagop Badagian, 69, of 43 D Street, Whitinsville, who died on February 24. Born in Constantinople, he was for 43 years a Whitin employee.

Friends and relatives of Gideon L. Lauzon, 59, former machinist at Whitin, who died in Woonsocket Hospital on March 9.

Survivors and friends of Napoleon Chapdelaine, 65, of 11 Taft Street, Northbridge, retired Whitin machinist who died in St. Vincent Hospital recently.



Richard Auren, Department 438, and Harriet Lodder of Whitinsville, were married on April 5.

John Hanson, USAF, and Marcia Sander-son, Department 465, were married in the Village Congregational Church on March 8.



To David Hodell and Helen Hodell, a son, David Arthur, weight 7 lbs. 4 oz., in Woonsocket Hospital on March 2.

To George Mills, Tool Job, and Mrs. Mills, a daughter, Karen Marie, weight 8 lbs. 7 oz., in Whitinsville Hospital on February 24.

To Gary Trottier, apprentice, and Mrs. Trottier, a son, Mark Thomas, weight 9 lbs. 7 oz., in Whitinsville Hospital on March 1.

To Arthur Pellerin and Mrs. Pellerin, a daughter, Irene, weight 7 lbs. 10 oz., in Woonsocket Hospital on March 13.

To Gerard Dagesse, Steel Fabrication, and Mrs. Dagesse, a daughter, weight 7 lbs. 7 oz., in Woonsocket Hospital on February 13.

To John C. Baker, Department 434, and Helen Baker, a daughter, Judith, weight 8 lbs. 6 oz., in Whitinsville Hospital on March 9.

To Alfred Menard, Comber Job, and Betty Menard, formerly of the Laboratory, a daughter, Coral Rosanne, at Milford Hospital on March 11.



## Strange Dish to Set Before Americans

**N**OBODY alive, back in the early 19th century, could have foreseen the wonders that have been brought about by the industrial revolution. No one would have believed that industry was to provide living standards for average people that the princes of the day might well have envied.

Some thinkers went to the opposite extreme. They thought that industrial capitalism would exploit working people and make them even poorer than before. In their mistaken fears, they invented a device to penalize business success and discourage capital investment. The idea was to raise the *percentage* of tax on each higher income bracket.

**T**HIS device was called "progressive" taxation. It became imbedded in our tax system in 1913. The top rate was seven per cent. Now it is 91 per cent! Progressive taxation, obviously, is a machine with no brakes. There is no way of automatically stopping the reckless raising of the discriminatory rates.

It is shameful that this nation is hampered in its progress by a tax idea for destroying savings and discouraging investment . . . an idea that was cooked up back in the early 1800's by European socialists who completely misunderstood the nature of the industrial revolution, which has given vast benefits to all mankind.